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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Renato CARETTA )

Group Art Unit: 1733 ✓

Application No.: 09/874,298 )

Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone

Filed: June 6, 2001 )

 For: TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS )  
 WITH IMPROVED BEAD )  
 STRUCTURE )

 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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TOTAL						\$ 0

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Dated: December 15, 2003

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### CHAPTER II

### DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:  
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
<b>Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference MM/99100/PCT	
International application No. PCT/EP99/09157	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 November 1999 (22.11.99)
(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 7 December 1998 (07.12.98)	
Title of invention "TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS WITH IMPROVED BEAD STRUCTURE"	
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The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative  
 and ☒ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.  
☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.  
☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

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1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filed

the description ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

☐ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

\* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.

☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.

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**Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES**

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

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Sheet No. 3.

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| 2. amendments under Article 34   | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19  | : | sheets |
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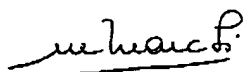
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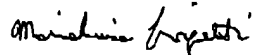
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2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

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Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

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